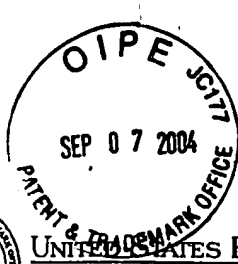


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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 3-8, 10-15b, 17a-18b.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/816,828
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MODIFYING ENGINE
VALVE LIFT
Our Reference: 34090-06309

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application are the following documents:

- (1) Transmittal Form (1 page);
- (2) Fee Transmittal (1 page);
- (3) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (1 page);
- (4) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pages);
- (5) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages);
- (6) Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Executed Assignment (5 pages);
- (7) One-Month Extension of Time (1 page); and
- (8) Formal drawings depicting Figs. 1-23 (24 pages).

Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter, acknowledging receipt of the above-identified documents, and return it to us.

Sincerely yours,

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Application of: **Brian RUGGIERO et al.**

Application No.: **10/816,828**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed June 22, 2004, Applicant's attorney submits the following documents in order to complete the formal requirements for the above-referenced nonprovisional application.

- (1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (3) Formal drawings depicting Figs. 1-23 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121; and
- (4) Payment of surcharge in the amount of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 (e).

Respectfully submitted,

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